Enroll now for…
Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training

Columbia County has recently established a *Citizen Corps Council* for the purpose of making our community safer, stronger and better prepared to respond to threats of terrorism, crime, public health issues, and disasters of all kinds.

A major component of the *Citizen Corps* is to train citizens through the *Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)* program. When emergencies happen, *CERT* members can give critical support to first responders, provide immediate assistance to victims, and organize spontaneous volunteers at a disaster site. *CERT* members can also help with non-emergency projects that help improve the safety of the community.

The Columbia County Emergency Services office is now accepting enrollments for the *CERT* course, which will be taught by a trained team of local first responders. There is no fee for the *CERT* training, which takes approximately 24 hours and includes disaster preparedness; fire suppression; disaster medical operations such as triage, treating life threatening injuries, assessment, treatment and hygiene; light search and rescue; team organization and disaster psychology.

Interested persons can contact the Emergency Services office at 868-3303 or email us at ptucker@co.columbia.ga.us for more information.